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SUBJECT: MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR TURKEY

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

DECISION HAD TO BE MADE TODAY AS TO WHETHER TO LOAD
MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON TWO SHIPS IN NEW YORK HARBOR
DESTINED FOR TURKEY. SINCE NEITHER VESSEL COULD REACH
A TURKISH PORT BEFORE FEBRUARY 5 AND SINCE OFF-LOADING
THIS EQUIPMENT IN EITHER NEW YORK OR AN ALTERNATIVE
DESTINATION OVERSEAS WOULD HAVE INVOLVED A LARGE ADDI-
TIONAL EXPENSE FOR THE US GOVERNMENT WHICH IN OUR JUDGMENT
COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED, AN ORDER WAS GIVEN THIS MORNING
NOT TO PROCEED TO LOAD THIS CARGO. THIS IS, HOWEVER,
CLEARLY AN INTERIM DECISION AND THE ENTIRE MATTER,
INCLUDING YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE LIKELY IMPACT OF OUR
DECISION ON TURKISH THINKING, IS BEING REFERRED ON AN
URGENT BASIS TO THE SECRETARY FOR HIS REVIEW. YOU WILL
BE INFORMED AS SOON AS AN FINAL DECISION IS MADE. INGERSOLL

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